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COMMENT OF THE DAY

A TEST

THE United Nations Disarmament Commission is expected to meet next month to test the Soviet Union's threat to boycott its work and if the Russians carry out their announced intention, then it is highly unlikely that the Commission's five-member sub-committee in which disarmament talks have been concentrated—would be convened at all.

In that case the four Western members of the smaller unit, Britain, the United States, France and Canada, will probably have to make private approaches to the Soviet Union before deciding on the next move.

In line with the Nato leaders' statement that they would welcome a Foreign Ministers' conference with the Russians if the Soviet Union refused to attend the sub-committee, a high-level meeting would appear to be the logical outcome.

Negotiation

At present there is no view of expanding the sub-committee itself to take account of the Commission's membership.

In private negotiation which led to the increase in the Commission's size the West showed no inclination to bring other countries into the sub-committee.

The United Nations General Assembly agreed last month to expand the Commission to twenty-five nations from its present membership of eleven, but Poland, Yugoslavia, two of the nominees announced that they would not serve.

Thus these two states of the Communist bloc may also be absent when the Commission meets in what may well easily be a critical session.

Others

THE other members chosen for the one-year term are Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Burma, Egypt, India, Italy, Mexico, Norway, Tunisia and Yugoslavia while the nations comprising the Security Council make up the remainder of the membership.

It is believed that no formal move has yet been made to call the Commission into session but this is likely to take place early after the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Hopes of success are not high and even the most cynical cannot expect the Communist bloc to accept the invitation to the talks. The best that can be expected is that the Western nations gain a diplomatic and propaganda victory through the refusal.

In Your Saturday's Mail

In 20 full packed pages of weekend fare the Weekend Mail brings you reflections of a world tottering on the brink of destiny.

★ From Bethlehem **GEORGE GALE** asks: "How often do we see the Big Thing when it happens?" And his tale from the Holy Land of the day when Christ was born in the cradle has a message for mankind;

★ **A. J. P. TAYLOR** tells of a King of England, most improbable of his kind, who not by pomp but by simple integrity led his Commonwealth, and in many ways the world, to "The Gateway of the Year";

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MACDONNELL ROAD TRAGEDY

Military Policeman Killed In Jeep

TWO OTHERS INJURED

An army jeep went off Macdonnell Road near Garden Road early yesterday morning and plunged down the hillside resulting in the death of a soldier and injuries to two other servicemen.

The vehicle was at the time carrying two military policemen and a member of the RAF Police. The accident occurred about 1.30 am on Boxing Day when the jeep went off the road, crashed through the side-wall of a bridge and plunged 60 feet down the slope.

Serious List

L/Cpl J. Hilder, of London, a member of the Corps of Military Police, was dead when brought into the military hospital following the accident. His comrade, Cpl. G. Robertson, also of the Provost Company, who is from Canelton, Salford, Scotland, sustained arm and leg injuries. The military authorities said this morning that Cpl Robertson was still on the serious list.

The member of the RAF Police who was injured was Cpl B. Deluchi who was also on the danger list.

The military jeep was extensively damaged as a result of the accident.

Chinese Heroine Denounced

By JACK GEE
Peking, Dec. 26.

A Chinese woman who has been hailed in China for the past 10 years as the heroine of an abortive uprising in Formosa in 1947 against the rule of Chiang Kai-shek, the Nationalist leader, was denounced today as a "rightist" by the Chinese Communist Party.

The Peking People's Daily, the Party's mouthpiece, named the woman, Hsieh Hsueh-hung, as the leader of "rightists" within the Taiwan (Formosa) Democratic Autonomous Alliance Party in Peking, of which she is Chairman.

The newspaper accused her of "trying to seize power through the help of anti-revolutionary elements, traitors, lawless capitalists and other bad characters."

The newspaper claimed that just before the current Chinese rectification campaign, Hsieh encouraged members of her Party to attack the Communist Party, to which she also belonged, and tried to set Communist and Overseas Chinese at loggerheads.

"When she was in Hongkong, she once wrote articles about herself and sent them with photographs to America, Britain, Japan and other Asian countries, boasting she was the Matriarch of Taiwan," the newspaper said.—Reuter.

Other Accidents

DEEP WATER BAY PLUNGE

A driving instructor and a learner driver were injured when a private car plunged into Deep Water Bay at about 9 pm on Christmas Day.

The car was proceeding westward along Island Road, when it went off the road suddenly and fell into the waters below. The two in the car managed to release themselves from the car and were later taken to Queen Mary Hospital. The instructor, Ho Chow, 42, was seriously injured and was detained. The learner driver was discharged after treatment.

CAR GOES INTO NULLAH

A private car crashed through the railing at the end of an open nullah in Waterloo Road, plunged down a drop of about 10 feet, and rested on its left side facing the direction from which it had travelled.

And all the six occupants, the driver and five passengers, including one or two children, were only slightly injured. The accident occurred about 10.40 pm on Christmas Eve at the junction of Waterloo Road and York Road, Kowloon Tong. The car was travelling from Kowloon Tong towards Prince Edward Road when the accident occurred.

Back From China Trip

Mr Halldor Laxness, Icelandic novelist and winner of the 1955 Nobel Prize for Literature, returned here yesterday after a three-week visit to China. He was accompanied by his wife and his secretary, Miss Halla Berges.

Mr Laxness said he was very much impressed by China's beauty and that during his stay in China he had not been any beggars and that the people seemed "happy and healthy."

Mr Laxness leaves in the mv Asia on Sunday to continue his world tour.

Terminus Assault

Mr Chung Man, Station Master of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company, was assaulted by a group of Europeans at the Kowloon Tong Bus Terminus shortly after midnight on Christmas Day.

Police later detained three Europeans for enquiries. Mr Chung was treated at Kowloon Hospital and discharged later.

DRAMATIC SEA RESCUE SAVES MAN

The 26,164-ton British liner *Orca* sent a lifeboat through darkness and rough seas in the Indian Ocean early today to take a dangerously ill Newcastle seaman from the British tanker *Glenmoor* to hospital in Perth.

The seaman, Edmund Hook of Newcastle-on-Tyne, was suffering from a stomachic haemorrhage, and was weakening when the tanker radioed for assistance on Christmas Day.

QUEEN'S MESSAGE

A report on the Queen's Christmas Day message, which was broadcast and televised in Britain, appears on page 3.

Bushfires & Snowstorms Over Holidays

Sydney, Dec. 26.

Hundreds of people spent their Christmas holiday fighting bushfires in many parts of New South Wales. It was the hottest Boxing Day on record in many parts of the state, with 110 degrees Fahrenheit at Newcastle, about 120 miles north of Sydney, the maximum reading.

FLARED UP

Bushfires flared up at Lane Cove, a Sydney suburb, at Raymond Terrace, near Newcastle, at Hill End, about 180 miles west of Sydney, and at Rato, a tiny township 400 miles west of Sydney.

Firefighters at Hill End, wearied by four days of battling against the flames, sent

DEATH TOLL IN AMERICA

New York, Dec. 26.

Final count of Christmas holiday deaths in the United States was 258—215 of them traffic fatalities.

Fires in the 30-hour period killed 27 people and 26 died in miscellaneous accidents.

The road deaths were the second highest since World War Two.—China Mail Special.

desperate calls for help to the town of Orange, 60 miles away, and to Army Headquarters.

The fire, on a 30-mile front, is within half a mile of the town.

The postmaster at Rato, where more than two million acres of grazing land is burnt out, said by telephone today "only rain can save us now."

In Paris, huge snowstorms and torrential rainfall over the Christmas holidays brought chaos today to central and southern France.

A giant snowstorm hit central France over the holidays and even today was disrupting traffic and making trains hours late.

RAINSTORMS

Some trains from Paris were running up to seven hours late in the area. Some regions went without electricity for the entire Christmas Day. Because of this, bakers in the region were not able to furnish enough bread to meet the demand.

The worst rainstorms were on the Riviera, where the "lower road" route from Nice to Monaco was forbidden to traffic yesterday because of large cracks in the road.—Reuter and United Press.

The man was being treated on radio instructions from Perth but needed proper medical treatment as the *Glenmoor* had no doctor.

The *Orca*, the nearest vessel, altered course and reached

the tanker early today about 200 miles west of Fremantle. A lifeboat carrying a surgeon battled through seas to the *Glenmoor*. The sailor was given an injection and transferred to the *Orca* which raced to Perth.

When she berthed here, 12 hours late, Hook was taken to hospital where his condition was described as "satisfactory."—Reuter.

Soviet Communist Party Has Shake-Up

London, Dec. 26.

The Soviet Communist Party made its second move in two days in an apparent effort to strengthen its Central administration.

Moscow Radio announced tonight that Alexei Kirichenko had been relieved of his duties as first secretary of the Ukrainian Communist Central Committee and a member of its Presidium "in connection with election to the post of a secretary of the Central Committee" of the Soviet Communist Party.

Routine Move

Kirichenko's move followed by one day the announcement that Ekaterina Furtseva, the only woman to have gained a post in the Soviet hierarchy, had been freed of her commitments to the powerful Moscow City Committee for a similar reason.

Kirichenko was named a secretary of the Soviet Party's Central Committee before last week's meeting of the Supreme Soviet.

Western observers in Moscow said last night's announcement about Madame Furtseva had no special significance. They added that it was a routine move in cases where a Communist Party leader had been elevated from a subsidiary Communist organization.

Another Elected

Presumably Kirichenko's replacement on the Ukrainian Committee reflected the same procedure.

Moscow also reported that Nikolai Belyayev, a member of the Soviet Communist Party Presidium, was elected first secretary of the Kazakh Communist Party, replacing Ivan Yakovlev.

CHRISTMAS EVE QUADS

Singapore, Dec. 26.

Quadruplets, all boys, were born to a Malay woman in Singapore on Christmas Eve. The woman is Markanah Binto Amat, 27, already the mother of seven children and her husband is Kahan Bin Subet, 33, a \$M 140 a month airport employee.

Two of the children weighed 4 pounds at birth, and two 3 pounds. All are now doing well.—Reuter.

SEAMEN'S PARTY

The traditional Christmas dinner given by the Sailors' Home and Missions to Seamen was held at the Missions last night.

Following the dinner, which was attended by about 200 seafarers, a variety show was given. Performers included entertainers from the Royal Navy, and Chinese acrobats.

Lawyers' Conference

Mr Masayasu Hasegawa, Professor of Political Science at Nagoya University, was among the arrivals by train from China yesterday.

Mr Hasegawa was on his way home after attending the International Democratic Lawyers' Conference in Moscow where he was invited to visit China.

RACE FOR SOUTH POLE

Wellington, Dec. 26.

Sir Edmund Hillary in a radio message received today said "We are heading hell-bent for the South Pole, God willing and crevasses permitting."

The news ended a five-day mystery over the whereabouts and intentions of the explorer. He went off south to make a survey after establishing depot 700 where he originally planned to link up with the British expedition under Dr. Vivian Fuchs, trekking from Shackleton Base on the opposite side of the frozen continent.

Now the South Pole itself is likely to be the rendezvous point. The two parties are still an estimated 800 miles apart.

INDIRECTLY

Hillary is trying to make direct radio contact with Dr. Fuchs. Meanwhile they have contacted each other indirectly by messages through Scott base. In these, Dr Fuchs said he expected to make rapid progress now from South Ice, the advance base which he planned to leave yesterday. He thanked Hillary for information about the route south of Depot 700 and for making bad areas with snow cairns.

Dr Fuchs had hoped to reach the Pole by Christmas and link up with Hillary at Depot 700 by January 10, but was held up by blizzards and other hazards.—China Mail Special.

Mr A. B. Latifi, First Secretary of the Afghan Embassy in Peking, arrived here from China yesterday with his wife and six children en route home for re-assignment. Mr Latifi had been in Peking for two years.

SOEKARNO MAY MEET MACMILLAN

Djakarta, Dec. 26.

Indonesian Government circles said today that it was possible President Soekarno would have a personal meeting with Mr Harold Macmillan, British Prime Minister, within the next fortnight, probably in New Delhi.

These sources noted that the cabinet had not yet announced where President Soekarno

MALAYANS ARRESTED

Djakarta, Dec. 26.

An Indonesian Army spokesman said today some Malaysians were being questioned in connection with the attempt on November 30 to assassinate President Soekarno with hand grenades.

Lieut. Colonel Ahmad Soekendro, Director of Military Intelligence said two detained Malaysians were members of an organisation called "Association of Malayan youth abroad."

He said the organisation was not involved in the investigation. The two men were simply being questioned to see whether they were involved.—Reuter.

would holiday next month but they said they could not deny press reports that he would first visit India.

The Times of India yesterday reported that Mr Macmillan would be in New Delhi on an official visit on January 8.

This is three days after President Soekarno is due to leave Djakarta for a neighbouring Asian country generally expected to be India.—Reuter.

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THE QUEEN'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

The Cabinet Crisis In Israel

Tel Aviv, Dec. 25.
Mr. David Ben Gurion, Israeli Prime Minister, today begins new talks with leaders of his five-party coalition in an attempt to end the week-old Cabinet crisis.

The Cabinet met for three hours yesterday to discuss the crisis and will continue the discussion after Mr. Ben Gurion's talks with coalition leaders.

The split has been caused by alleged "leakages" to the press by Ministers of the left-wing Achiouth Haavoda party in order to defeat a Cabinet decision to send a high-ranking Israeli to Bonn for talks.

Mr. Ben Gurion has been urging the government to buy arms from West Germany and in Parliament yesterday said the government would ask Germany to sell weapons "impartially for Israel's defence."

Mr. Ben Gurion has threatened to resign over the "leakages" issue. He insists on the resignation of the ministers concerned but they have refused.

Calls On Subjects To Set Example For The World

Sandringham, Dec. 25.
The Queen, in her sound and television Christmas Day broadcast message, today called on the Commonwealth to "set an example to the world which will encourage upright people everywhere."

Speaking from the long library at Sandringham House, the Royal Family's traditional Christmas holiday residence here, she declared: "In the old days the monarch led his soldiers on the battlefield and his leadership at all times was close and personal."

Today things were very different. "I cannot lead you into battle," she said, "I do not give you laws or administer justice but I can do something else—I can give you my heart and my devotion to these old islands and to all the peoples of our brotherhood of nations."

For the first time, the Sovereign's Christmas Day message—first broadcast by the Queen's grandfather King George V 25 years ago today—was televised on both the British Broadcasting Corporation and Independent (Commercial) networks.

Recalling the anniversary, the Queen, who sat alone behind her desk, said she hoped her television appearance would make the message "more personal and direct."

The speed at which things were changing all around had made many people feel lost and unable to decide what to hold on to and what to discard, how to take advantage of the new life without losing the best of the old.

But it was not the new inventions which were the difficulty, she said. "The trouble is caused by unthinking people who carelessly throw away age-old ideals as if they were old and outworn machinery."

"They would have real religion thrown aside, morality in personal and public life made meaningless, honesty counted as foolishness and self-interest set up in place of self-restraint."

Critical Time

"At this critical moment in our history we will certainly lose the trust and respect of the world if we just abandon those fundamental principles which guided the men and women who built the greatness of this country and Commonwealth."

"Today we need a special kind of courage, not the kind needed in battle but a kind which makes us stand up for everything that we know is right, everything that is true and honest."

"We need the kind of courage that can withstand the subtle corruption of the cynics so that we can show the world that we're not afraid of the future."

The Queen declared that we could take a pride in the new Commonwealth we were building.

The achievement this year of self-governing status by Ghana and Malaya was a wonderful tribute to the efforts of men of goodwill who had worked together as friends, "and I welcome these two countries with all my heart."

She quoted a passage from John Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" in which Mr. Valiant says, "though with great difficulty I am not hither, yet now I do not repent me of all the trouble I have been at to arrive where I am."

The Queen ended her message by wishing everyone God's blessing for 1958 and "all the fun and enjoyment and the peace of a very happy Christmas."—Reuter.

A Mysterious Blast In Yorkshire Town

Rotherham, Dec. 24.
An explosion shattered houses at Aston, near here, tonight.

Four people, including an 80-year-old couple, were injured.

Ambulance men described the scene as "a blazing inferno."

The cause of the explosion is not yet known.

An 82-year-old woman and her blind, 83-year-old husband were taken to hospital with severe shock.

Those injured in the house next door were a 71-year-old woman and a 15-year-old girl. They were badly cut and bruised.—Reuter.

Ceylon Won't Permit Use Of Bases For Indonesian Dispute

Colombo, Dec. 26.
Facilities at the Trincomalee Naval Base and at the Katunayake Air Base will not be available to any power or any military organisation in the event of military intervention in the dispute between Indonesia and the Netherlands, informed sources said today.

Prime Minister Bandaranaike gave this assurance recently to the government Parliamentary party. It was made in reply to a question of whether facilities allowed the British could be used by any South-east Asia Treaty Organisation power in the event that SEATO took some military steps in the Indonesian dispute.

The Prime Minister told the party that Britain now enjoyed temporary facilities under the supervision of the Ceylon Government and that the Ceylon Government was in complete control of the bases.

Mr. Bandaranaike emphasised that Ceylon should not help suppress the nationalist movement in Indonesia or any other Asian country by allowing her bases to be used for military purposes.—United Press.

Roaring Blast Kills 15 In Christmas Eve Disaster

Buenos Aires, Dec. 26.
A roaring blast which took possibly 15 lives in a fireworks store cast a shadow of grief over the city at Christmas.

Business was brisk in the store and offices of Walter Gonzalez and Sons, pyrotechnic manufacturers, on Christmas Eve.

The principal owner and his three sons, with three employees, waited on a shopful of customers.

Violent

At 5.30 p.m. a violent explosion shook the entire city block and thick columns of smoke and flame rose skywards. The rush of air slammed the doors shut and trapped all inside in a blazing inferno.

Police said tonight only relatives might be able to identify the charred remains by some personal trinket.

Nobody lived to tell what happened.

Such was the force of the searing blast that a car parked outside was blown right across the street.—United Press.

Christmas Spirit

Birmingham, Alabama, Dec. 25.
The city of Birmingham temporarily suspended its code dealing with minimum flying altitudes today "in consideration of children and Santa Claus."—United Press.

New Soviet Bomber Sets Record

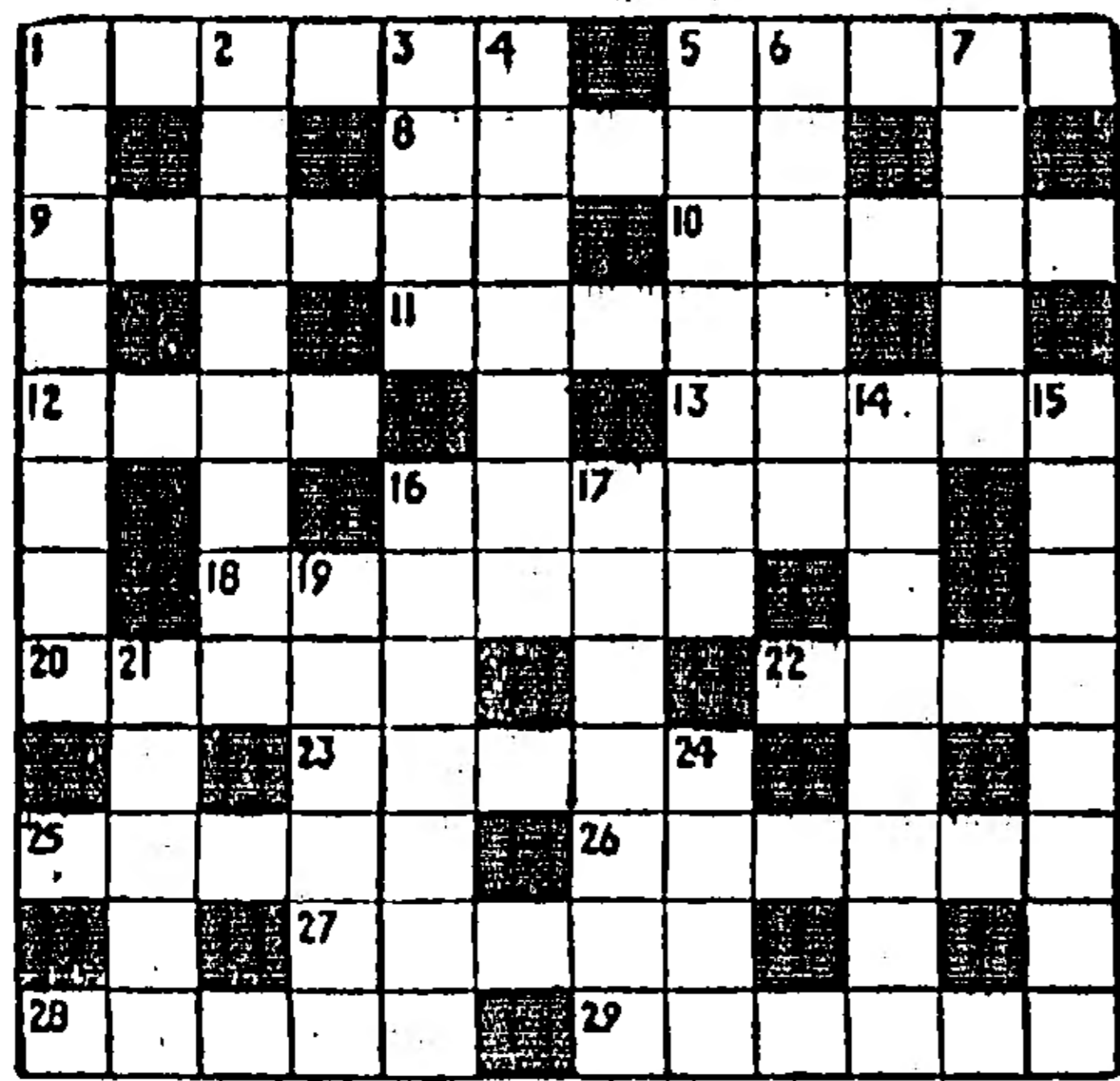
Moscow, Dec. 26.
A successful long distance non-stop flight into the stratosphere by a new "colossal" heavy jet bomber was announced by Red Star hero today.

The Soviet Army publication said the new bomber carried 10 tons of fuel and supplies of food and oxygen. It said it flew higher and longer than any other aircraft of this type. It gave no other details.

Foreign observers here speculated that the report might refer to a new intercontinental bomber which could make a round-trip flight to the United States without refuelling.

The aircraft is the second new plane announced this month. The Soviets announced the test flight of a supersonic jet fighter which could make 2,000 miles per hour on Dec. 14.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Fights (8)
 - 5 Gouty seaborne (5)
 - 8 Pale yellow (5)
 - 9 Rapidly dismissed? (3, 3)
 - 10 Relict (5)
 - 11 Is often let off (5)
 - 12 Conny listeners (4)
 - 13 Files in the factory rather than the office (5)
 - 16 It's essential to every sewer (6)
 - 18 Takes lessons (6)
 - 20 Does some farming (5)
 - 22 Gave employment (4)
 - 23 Man of many parts (5)
 - 25 Racing trophy (5)
 - 26 Climatic severity, maybe (8)
 - 27 All over! (5)
 - 28 Free-wheel at the seaside? (5)
 - 29 Felt (6)
- DOWN**
- 1 Striped tipped (8)
 - 2 Tenney list (8)
 - 3 + (4)
 - 4 No nomad, obviously (7)
 - 5 What conscience makes of us, we're told (7)
 - 6 One kingdom (6)
 - 7 Clique (5)
 - 14 Trying times, these (8)
 - 15 Joined up (8)
 - 16 Coming into being (7)
 - 17 Repeat performances (7)
 - 19 Makes exultant (6)
 - 21 Snow hut (5)
 - 24 Journey (4)
- TUESDAY'S SOLUTION.**—Across: 3 Eggs, 7 Poles, 8 Ith, 9 Aged, 10 Inferno, 12 Elsa, 15 Roots, 18 Pawn, 19 Train, 21 While, 22 Poem, 23 Larks, 26 Pass, 29 Seethed, 30 Copy, 31 Soda, 32 Pride, 33 Nuns. Down: 1 Point, 2 General, 4 G.I. Leg, 5 Side, 6 Acts, 9 Anton, 11 Rowed, 13 Loom, 14 Anna, 16 Stole, 17 Swap (rev.), 18 Pans, 20 Restore, 22 Prey, 24 Aspen, 25 Heads, 27 Amok, 28 Scan.

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Norma Talmadge Dies After A Stroke Sultry Star Of Silent Screen

Las Vegas, Dec. 24.
Norma Talmadge, sultry star of the silent screen days, died today. She was 60.

Norma and her two sisters, Constance and Natalie, were among the first stars of the cinema. Norma, born at Niagara Falls, played her first film role when she was 14. It was "The Four-footed Pest," completed in half a day.

Her first big role was in a screen version of Dickens' "A Tale of Two Cities." She became one of Hollywood's top actresses after this film. She appeared in over 50 films between 1914 and 1930.

Her death followed a stroke.

WEALTHY

Norma was believed to be one of Hollywood's wealthiest stars, at a time when taxes were low, she earned \$7,500 a week.

At the height of her fame, fan letters came in at the rate of 3,000 a week.

She once said: "Making pictures is a colossal game. To me it is life. It gives me what I want."

But she made only two talkies—"New York Nights" and "Madame du Barry"—before she retired in 1932.

Norma married film producer Joseph M. Schenck in 1919 and divorced him in 1934 after a much publicised romance with comedian George Jessel. She married the comedian two weeks later and divorced him after five years. She had been married to Dr. Carvel James since 1946.—China Mail Special.

A COLD TASTE

St. Louis, Dec. 25.
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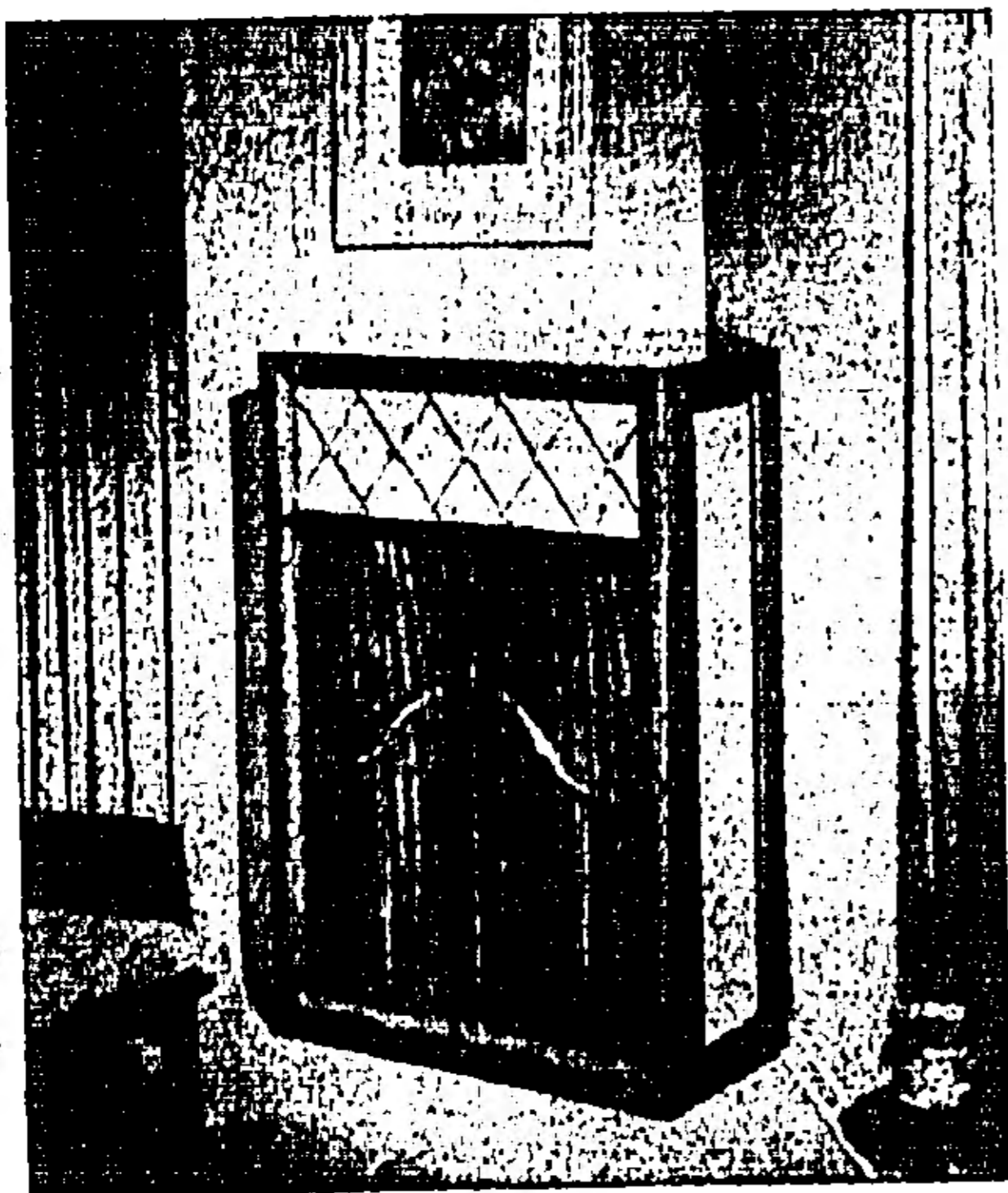


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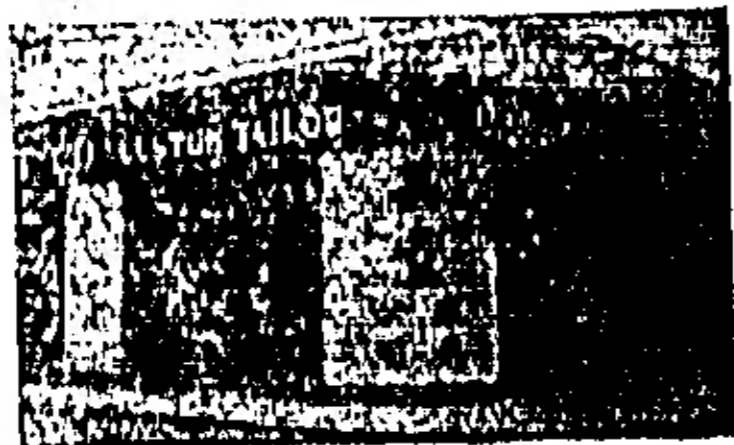
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CHAPTER FOUR

The Day Christ Was Born...

by GEORGE GALE



themselves, it seemed to these simple men that an angel stood before them.
They all believed in angels; but they were nonetheless terrified. The angel was full of light; there was light shining all around them on the slope.
The angel said: "Do not be frightened. Listen: I am bringing you glorious news of a great joy which will be shared by every body. Today, in David's town, a deliverer has been born for you. He is none other than the Lord Messiah. This will prove it for you. You will find a baby wrapped round in strips of cloth, lying in a feeding trough."
There was a sudden flash. The angel was surrounded with a vast assembly of the armies of Heaven all praising God, and all singing "Glory be to God on high and on earth! Peace be to men who please Him!"

To Bethlehem

THEN the angels left, disappointed, returned to Heaven. The shepherds first recovered their senses, and rubbed their eyes.

"Well," they said to each other, "by all means let us go straight to Bethlehem and see this thing."

Bethlehem was David's city; it was not far off. They were impatient and hurried as best they could in the dark.

They quickly reached the village. No, there was none of the villagers expecting a child, but they tried the inn.

In the stable

THEY found the inn. They did not wait to exchange greetings with the landlord, but went straight away below to the cave, where the stables were, and where the infant must be. He was to be lying in a feeding trough.

There they found Mary and Joseph and the Child.

Immediately they blurted out what had happened on the slopes. They were extremely excited and rushed upstairs to tell the people in the inn, saying exactly what had happened, that in the stable trough the infant was lying for whom they had all been waiting.

The two soldiers made their jokes; the official was more interested in the girl; the villagers may have shrugged. All were astonished at the words of the shepherds.

But Mary, tired now after her delivery and happy also, took careful note of all that the shepherds told her and turned their words over and over in her mind.

The shepherds did not wait, they left full of happiness, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

The storm did not abate. It thundered over Bethlehem, it thundered over Jerusalem, it thundered over Judaea and Galilee, it thundered over Herod and women at Qumran, down by the Dead Sea, who prayed and sang and waited for their Messiah.

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Suddenly, perhaps as the lightning flashed and their flocks covered and they wrapped their cloaks tighter around

TOMORROW:
The aftermath

Shepherds

TWO or three men sheltered on a hill beside Bethlehem. They were shepherds; their sheep and goats huddled round them.

These shepherds lived with their flocks. They used no dogs but instead had trained the animals to follow them, and this night they had led the animals into the lee side of rocks.

The shepherds kept watch during the storms, chiefly fearing wolves or marauding, half-wild scavenging dogs from the villages.

A few miles below them in the rocky half-wilderness near the northern edge of the Dead Sea men chanted prayers. Here, at Qumran, was already a settlement of men for whom the usual world was too violent and sinful, and who prepared themselves for the end of it all.

This night to them, as to Herod, as to Augustus, as to millions sleeping round the Roman Sea, was much as any other.

But here especially they remembered that Joshua had been commanded that "this book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night."

Portents

SO in these rough stone buildings men are now chanting from the Law that they have been given by Moses centuries before.

By all-light others copied out the sacred books — men and women sang their hymns.

Others watched the skies, seeking portents, watching the swinging of stars and moon, waiting all the time for an unmistakable sign that there had been a special birth.

In caves around these hills scrolls that were being written now, this night, have lain hidden until lately. Their authors were prepared for the Messiah, the Deliverer.

Here, in this community, they prepared themselves for the great and final war, that between the Children of Darkness and the Children of Light.

The war would come soon; and the seventh and last battle the Children of Light would win.

John the Baptist, whose aged parents probably died when he was young, was adopted by some such community — probably this one — which was carrying on its strange life by

the Dead Sea this night like any other.

John the Baptist was to mark the time. He was to say, in this same wilderness in 30 years, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!"

John was to fulfil Isaiah's prophecy: "A voice cries out in the wilderness. Make ready the Lord's road! Put his highways on order!"

John, 30 years after this stormy night, and leaving this poor and holy community, was to go out into these rocky wastes dressed in a tunic woven from camel's hair, with a leather belt strapped around his loins, and eat of the land, locusts and wild honey.

He was to announce that the Messiah had arrived, the Messiah of whom the community at Qumran had dreamed, and that people should confess their sins and have them washed away by immersing themselves in the Jordan.

But this night the people in Qumran are silent except to sing their hymns, recite their Laws, and copy out their sacred books. Their ideas, however, are already in other minds.

The shepherds outside Bethlehem certainly knew of the teachings of the community a few miles below them, by the rocky valleys of the Dead Sea.

From here came their imagery, the ideas, the fears and hopes, the awe that filled their minds this stormy night.

The angel

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HURRAH FOR THE SIX-CLUB PREMIER

He brings a ray
of light into the
gloom of Pall Mall



Cartoonists Richard Crossman and A. J. P. Taylor have been admitted to that hothouse of bishops, the Athenaeum

EVER since the war cold winds have been blowing down Pall Mall and up St James's Street. Clubland has been feeling the draught. Subscriptions have soared. The Thatched House and the Marlborough-Windham have closed their doors. The Bath has merged with the Conservative—to produce the irreverent, but aptly named Lava-tory.

Now the Constitutional is seeking permission to rebuild its premises and to hive off most of the floors of the new building as offices. The project is opposed by the LCC. The Army and Navy, however, is having better luck with a similar scheme on its Pall Mall site.

Old Leather

Inside London's clubs it is the same tale. Standards of service have fallen. Costs have risen—and so have prices. Unheard-of expedients have been resorted to. Women have been a man's preserve—as waitresses, as guests and in some clubs even as members in their own right in specially created annexes.

But still the smell of old leather remains, evoking the atmosphere of a man's home from home. On the writing tables the mourning paper still stands. The card room echoes with the sound of serious bidding. The struggle to survive, to preserve the old ways, continues.

This year struggling clubmen have received a fillip. Since January Britain has had a true clubman at 10 Downing Street. Sir Anthony, of course, belonged to the Carlton. But that is common form for a Tory Prime Minister. Mr Macmillan can't notch up the Turf, Praetia, Bucks, the Athenaeum and the breakfast as well as the Carlton.

by IVAN YATES

He is the first Prime Minister this century to belong to six clubs.

He does not, however, just belong to them. He uses them. That is what cheers the dwindling ranks of the regulars. They know him as the man who, at the first triumphant evening of his Premiership when he dined with his Chief Whip at the Turf and talked patronage over oysters and champagne they have known him as the man who, at their own heart. And when a few months later, while drinking port with Sir Victor Ralke at the Carlton, he spoke of "that middle-class lawyer, Selwyn Lloyd," the whole of Clubland raised a laugh.

Raffish

Praetia's Club is not just a home from home for Mr Macmillan. He is in a sense at home there. For this small, exclusive establishment, one of the last of the proprietary clubs, is owned by his nephew, the Duke of Devonshire.

Most of the Prime Minister's relations, however, belong to White's, across the road. Best known to the public as the club on whose steps Mr Aneurin Bevan was kicked in his unregenerate days, White's has maintained through more than two centuries a delightfully raffish reputation.

For among the men of wealth and title and good humour a small

coterie of writers with social ambitions find a home here. Mr Evelyn Waugh at their head. Mr Waugh, indeed, has beautifully caught the genius of the place in his description of Bellamy's in Men at Arms.

White's is a social, not a political club. Its members are not just clubmen. They are not just politicians. That does not mean that no politicians are to be found on the books. More than a score of Tory MPs belong. But the really ambitious MP, the man who means to find room right at the top, would not be well advised in these sober days to be associated with this particular cachet which White's offers.

This may explain why Mr Macmillan has missed out here. Though it does not explain why Mr Macleod has not. He may have joined for the bridge, however.

The Socialists

Since Richard Stokes died White's has been without its Socialist, Brook's — which used to be to Whigs what White's was to Tories — still has one, Mr E. L. Toles. Otherwise Brook's is Malicious. Otherwise Brook's is Malicious. Otherwise Brook's is Malicious. Otherwise Brook's is Malicious.

Where, then, do Socialists belong? Many are rather provincial. Mr Ian Mikardo belongs to the Reading Trade Union Working Men's. Some of the older, respectable middle-class leaders like Lord Attlee

and Mr Chuter Ede can be seen at the Oxford and Cambridge. Mr John Strachey and Mr Kingsley Martin represent the more intellectual strain in the same stable.

Surprisingly enough, in the Athenaeum, that temple of the Establishment, Mr A. J. P. Taylor is prominent. Now Mr R. H. S. Crossman has gone to join him. There are the makings of quite an interesting little cell there.

The Athenaeum is sometimes pictured as a hothouse of bishops. There are certainly a lot of them there. Indeed, there are more than a hundred clergymen of one kind or another. (There are none at all, of course, at White's).

Old Hat

But there is also Mr Stephen Potter observing specimens. And Sir Charles Snow examining, one feels, the Masters rather than the New Men. A mixed bag; but on the whole rather Old Hat. Even Mr Ramsay MacDonald made the Athenaeum in his latter days.

Otherwise, apart from Sir Hartley Shawcross and Sir Frank Soskice and Mr Dingle Foot, happy with the lawyers and the actors at the Garrick, and a handful of Radicals at the Reform, Socialists do without club life.

So, come to think of it, do most of the population of Britain.

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it) straight out of the
tin on their fingers!

This Funny World



"We'll have to dress for breakfast. Last night's party is still going strong."

• BY • THE • WAY •
by *Beachcomber*

THE awarding of prizes at Southend to people on holiday who use litter-bins, instead of throwing things all over the place, has its dangers.

Enormous mobs may converge on the towns which offer prizes, and with them all the rubbish they have been able to collect. The agitated litter-wardens will have to deal with gangs of organized scavengers, who are crammed with stuff, from places where no prizes are offered. The native who is accustomed to depositing a paper bag in his favourite bin will be crowded out. It may be necessary to issue Rubbish Permits to strangers vouched for by a J.P., a schoolmaster, and a banker. And, obviously, huge bins the size of bus-sheds will have to be erected on chosen sites. But everyone will agree that the most urgent need is for Miss Rubbish or a Refuse Queen to distribute the prizes and to encourage scouring the countryside with a sack, be allowed to compete?

**You Too
Can
Make Your
Boiler**

'To the bins!'

I CAN imagine, some early morning, the inhabitants of a town being awakened by the roaring of many voices singing the Litter Song, as they invade the quiet streets. "What is it, "This refectory table date from—" " 'Sailors,' I says to 'er, 'is a very well,' I says, 'but you wait yer-step, my gal,' I says."

YOUR BIRTHDAY ...By STELLA

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

BORN today, you are a gregarious individual and seem to find real inspiration in mingling with all kinds of people. You are popular and are able to mingle so harmoniously that you can disappear into any crowd. You are a free spirit, far from the one in which you grew up. Actually, you would make a good investigator. You know how to make people like you while finding out what you want to know.

Were you to select a career on the stage or screen, you probably would be highly successful. Still, you could use your gift of mingling with people in the literature, for you have a talent for the written word. Since you also have a keen sense of humor, you might write and lecture in this field with good results. It might be a good idea to examine and promote a new idea which could greatly influence the civilisation in which you live.

While you are an interesting conversationalist, you do not always discuss the serious things of life. You can chat and joke along with the best of them at any party. Yet when the time comes, you can be serious, if you say so. And if you have been trusted with a confidence, you can keep it. You know why it is important to withhold and withhold. You can be trusted with honour and discretion.

Among those born on this date were: Johannes Kepler, astronomer; Dr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of Police; Nicholas J. Roosevelt, inventor of the cyclotron; William W. Corcoran, philanthropist; J. P. Morgan, Jr., philanthropist; author: Sidney Greenstreet, actor; and Mariette Dintreuil, actress.

Now find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday paragraph, read your birthday star and give your daily guide.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—If you are getting out of town for the week-end, then make an early start and avoid congested traffic.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—

Outdoor sports may appeal if you are actively inclined.

CROSSWORD

This may be just an average Saturday for you, but at least you can enjoy yourself with friends and relatives.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—This can be a pleasant day, with duties easily cleared away by noon and then plenty of time for fun.

ARJES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Combine business and pleasure for the most profitable results. One can

16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27

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GERMANS (May 12-1940) 117
This might be a good day for you to
have a party for the children.
Somebody's birthday, perhaps?

This can be a romantic, gala week-end. Today can prove one of those times to be long remembered.

11. Pant, label (anag.). (U)
12. Royal name. (U)
13. Message. (U) 16. Look.
14. Hollander. (B)
15. (U)

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—
An active day for your family group.
Perhaps you are catching up on
post-Christmas parties. Pay holiday

VERGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—
This can be a day when you will

LIBRA (Sept. 21-Oct. 21)—

While others play you may have
some important work to finish. It
could be productive of worthwhile
results.

• JACOB Y ON BRIDGE

Mistakes Foil Game In Spades

BY OSWALD JACOBY

TODAY'S contract was bounced back and forth like a rubber ball.

West opened the king of diamonds and East played the three. West shifted to the king of clubs and East made the mistake of signaling an enthusiastic

West came on with the queen of clubs and South ruffed. Now if South had been satisfied to make his contract on the nose he could have breezed in. All he had to do was to lead a diamond. Either opponent could win and play anything but South would be able to get into dummy twice; once with a spade and once by ruffing his last diamond. This would have given South time to take two trump finesses and he would have picked up East's

South wanted an overtrick. He led the jack of spades and overtook with dummy's king. The

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NORTH

♠ AK 10 9 4
♥ 8 3 2
♦ 7 5
♣ 0 4 2

WEST EAST

♠ 8 6 5 3 ♠ 2
♥ 0 ♥ K 10 7
♦ AKJ92 ♦ 10 4 3
♣ KQ10 ♣ AJ9853

SOUTH (D)

♥ QJ7
♥ ΔQJ954
♥ Q86
♣ 7

Both vulnerable

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Double	2 ♣	3 ♣
3 ♥	4 ♣	4 ♥	Double
3 ♥	Pass	Pass	

9

NORTH

♠ AK 10 9 4
♥ 8 3 2
♦ 7 8
♣ 6 4 2

WEST **EAST**

♠ 8 6 5 3 ♠ 2
♥ 6 ♥ K 10 7
♦ AK J 9 2 ♦ 10 4 3
♣ K Q 10 ♣ AJ 8 5 3

SOUTH (D)

♥ Q J 7
♦ A Q J 9 5 4
♣ Q 8 6
♠ 7

Both vulnerable

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Double	2 ♥	3 ♣
3 ♠	4 ♣	4 ♠	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead—♣ K

♥♣CARD*Sense*♠♦

Q—The bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	2 N.T.	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	?	

♠87 ♥KJ6 ♦Q1085 ♣AQ
A—What do you do?
A—Bid three no-trump. Your partner has bid hearts second and probably holds a four-card suit only. Also you are very well prepared for both minor suits.

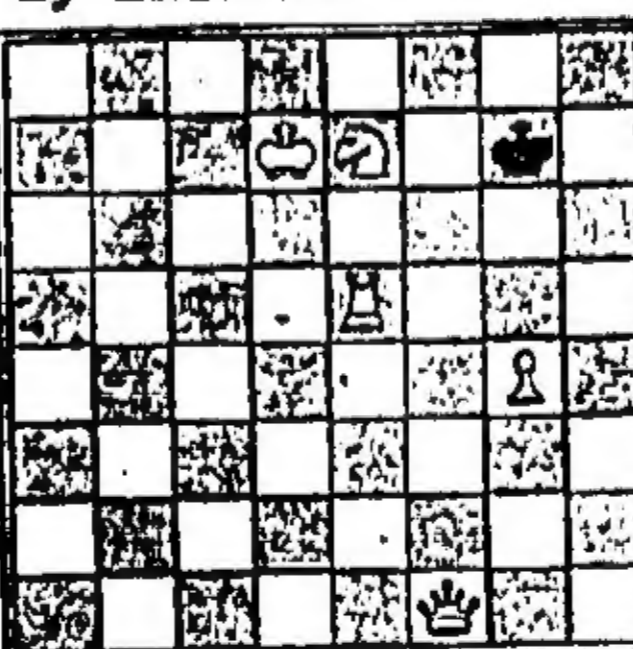
TODAY'S QUESTION

You hold the same hand and your partner opens the bidding with one heart. What do you bid?

Anger Tomorrow

CHES

by LEONARD BARDEN



COMBINED CHINESE 5, REST OF COLONY 1 MANY AN INCIDENT, BUT NEVER A GREAT GAME

Says I. M. MacTAVISH

A holiday crowd of some 8,000 watched this charity game at Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon. It was a strange sort of match. For long periods it was dull and listless, then suddenly it would produce a sparkling interlude or a gem of individualism and finally it provided an ending which was something of a tragic pantomime.

Picture the scene. The Combined Chinese were playing quite comfortably within themselves and in the happy position of leading by 4 goals to 1. Away out on the left, Mok Chun-wah went into a tackle rather half-heartedly, tried to withdraw his foot at the crucial moment and got a painful knee injury as his reward.

The incident was a complete accident, but the little winger had to go to the sidelines for medical attention. Fifteen minutes remained for play.

Sickening Crash

The game had hardly restarted when George Armstrong and Ho Cheung-yu jumped together for a high ball. Their heads met in a sickening crash and while the little Chinese star made a quick recovery, unlucky Armstrong had to be escorted from the field with his head swathed in bandages. He did not come back.

Referee Mok Young-fai restarted the game and the ball was swept towards the Rest's goal. MacNicol grabbed it just outside his right hand post and at the same moment he was bowled over in a heap by centre-forward Kwok Moon-wah.

Both players flinched up sprawling among a battery of photographers. The Chinese player was able to continue after attention on the field but MacNicol had to surrender his

yellow sweater to Cawley and the Rest were reduced to eight fully effective players and Meudum, who was worried by leg injury which he had received earlier in the second half.

Cawley treated the spectators to some rather unorthodox goal-keeping but as MacNicol stood by ready to resume, his fall deputy could almost be heard saying "and who is this man MacNicol?" as he threw himself sideways and upwards to make the kind of save from Kwok Moon-wah that causes a goalkeeper to push out his chest and glow with satisfaction. But Cawley's net was not yet over.

After giving MacNicol back his yellow sweater, the big pivot resumed his normal position.

In his eagerness to get play re-started Cawley ran to his position with his jersey only half on. Unfortunately it was saturated and sticky and as he struggled to get it on the Combined Chinese stormed into the attack and... contrary to the normal clothing predicament of

popular fiction... they caught him with his jersey up! It was all very entertaining of course, and the crowd joined in the whole thing in good spirit.

Took The Bite Out

The game was never a great one by even the most generous standards. The presence of substitutes in opposition to each other naturally took a lot of the bite out of the play and in fact the Combined Chinese were generally too superior that they didn't have to exert themselves too much.

Nevertheless it was difficult to feel satisfied with the fullback play of Szeto Yiu and Lau Yee. Neither gave the impression of solidity which one expects from colony players, and Lau Tim at centre-half was often worried by the strength and forcefulness of Moss.

Chan Fat-hung was the best half-back and there were times when Kwok Kam-hung looked no better than a good fullback playing out of position.

The Combined Chinese forwards were good and ball in

turn and only in fleeting moments did we see the sort of stuff we've come to expect from Ho Cheung-yu, Yiu Cheuk-yin and Mok Chun-wah.

Kwok Moon-wah is still a long way from being the centre cog for this class of forward line. Frequently he was completely baffled by the wiles of his inside men... and few centre-forwards can make a success of this vital position when they are as one-footed as is the Jardines player.

The Rest of the Colony was not a good blend of talent and that is a criticism of the selectors... not of the players.

In Hot Pursuit

MacNicol had some fine saves, but I was most uneasy about a couple of the goals he lost. The last one illustrates my point perfectly. A long pass was swept forward to Kwok Moon-wah and the centre forward gained possession about 40 yards out.

He raced ahead with an opponent in hot pursuit and then fired the ball past MacNicol who was still rooted to his goal line.

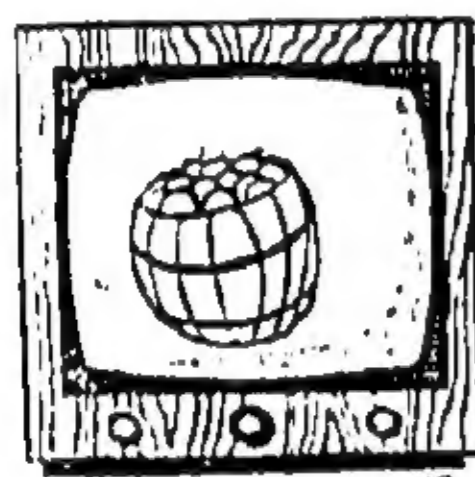
This is a weakness which the colder must repair if he is to reap the reward of his other talents. He was beaten again later also on the goal line to an advancing forward and from careful watching it is obviously a point worthy of his earnest consideration.

Armstrong and Law Kwok-tung did well enough in defence and Poole was the best of the halfbacks. Cawley looked fitter than in the Army-KMB game but Meudum was troubled by a leg injury during the second half, but he never played as he can. The defence as a whole was uncertain and mis-kicking and misplaced passes were all too frequent.

The Rest forwards were patchy. Wong Chu-keung was the most enterprising but Moss—in spite of his misuses—was the most likely to get a goal. Lau Chi-lam and Lam Kam-tung were lost without the heavy reserve pass which is so well exploited in the KMB side and this will not go down as one of their games to be remembered.

The game started seven minutes late and we had to wait 30 minutes for the first goal. Lau

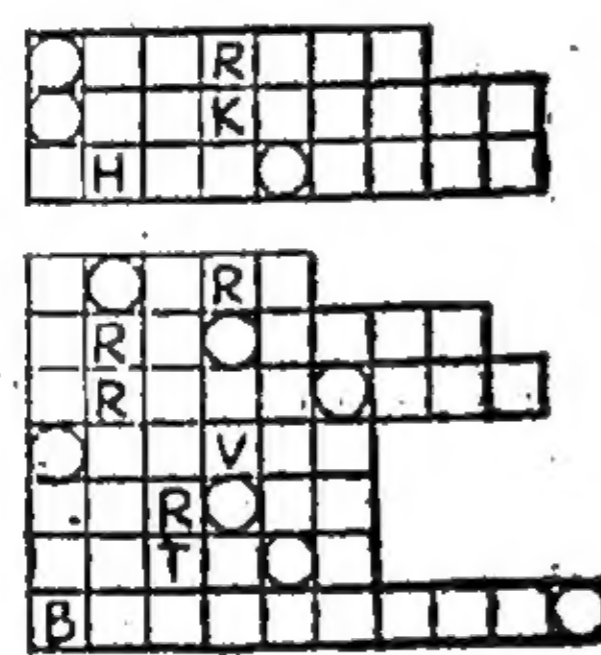
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NAMESAKES

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?

- 1 Voyage
- 2 Landlord
- 3 Crew
- 4 Map
- 5 Heels
- 6 Famous engine
- 7 Blades
- 8 Underserved
- 9 Rebellion
- 10 Gentlemen of fortune



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FROM ITALY

m.v. "ASIA" 30th Dec.
m.v. "ISARCO" 3rd Jan. 1958

TO ITALY

m.v. "ASIA" 19th Dec.
To NAPLES and GENOA

Via S'pore, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi, Aden & Suez.

m.v. "ISARCO" 6th Jan. 1958

Manila, S'pore, Ft. Swatow, Penang, Cebu, Aden, Suez, Ft. Said, Naples, Genoa, Leghorn, Venice & Trieste.

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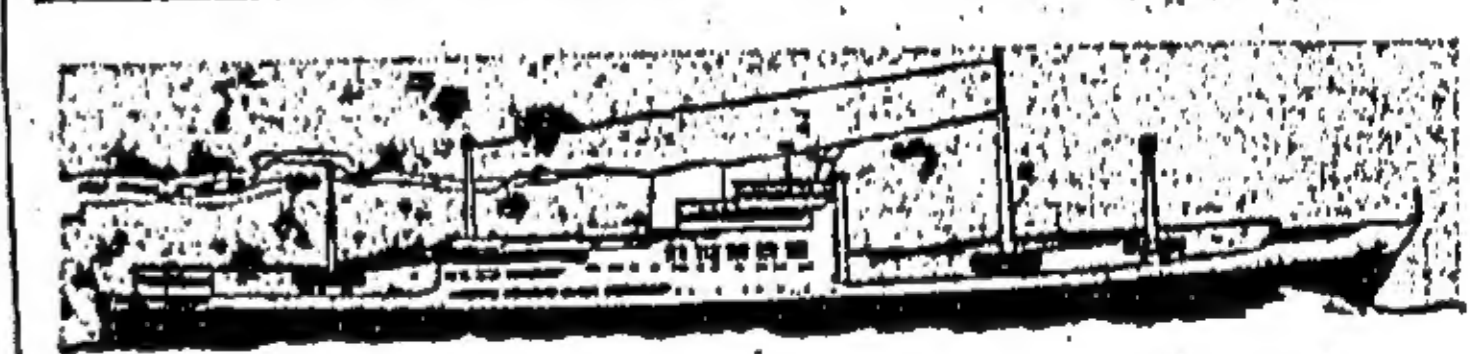
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"Frankfurt"	Nov. 20	Dec. 4	Jan. 8
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TO LIVERPOOL & GLASGOW	Leads	Sails
"PERSEUS"	4th Jan.	6th Jan.
"EUMAEUS"	10th Jan.	12th Jan.
"PYRRHUS"	16th Jan.	18th Jan.

TO MARSEILLES, LIVERPOOL & DUBLIN	Leads	Sails
"DEMODOCUS"	23rd Jan.	24th Jan.
"CLYTONUS"	29th Jan.	30th Jan.
"ATREUS"	29th Jan.	30th Jan.

TO LONDON, HOLLAND & HAMBURG	Leads	Sails
"BOLIVAR"	27th Dec.	27th Dec.
"ANTENOR"	27th Dec.	27th Dec.

ARRIVALS FROM U.K. & ROTTERDAM	Leads	Sails
"EUMAEUS"	31st Dec.	31st Dec.
"ANTENOR"	1st Jan.	1st Jan.
"PYRRHUS"	1st Jan.	1st Jan.
"CLYTONUS"	1st Jan.	1st Jan.

DE LA RAMA LINES	Leads	Sails
"AUTOMEDON"	11th Jan.	11th Jan.
"BENARES"	11th Jan.	11th Jan.

ARRIVALS FROM U.S. ATLANTIC & PACIFIC COAST PORTS	Leads	Sails
"MENTOR"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.
"BENARES"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.

SAILINGS TO SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES, CRISTOBAL, PANAMA, KINGSTON AND NEW YORK via JAPAN.	Leads	Sails
"MENTOR"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.
"BENARES"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.

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"MENTOR"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.
"BENARES"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.

All sailing dates are subject to change with or without notice. Vessels at liberty to call at ports in different rotation or to proceed via other ports up or on the scheduled route to load and discharge.	Leads	Sails
"MENTOR"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.
"BENARES"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.

For particulars please apply to:	Leads	Sails
"MENTOR"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.
"BENARES"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.

Butterfield & Swire (Hongkong) Ltd.	Leads	Sails
"MENTOR"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.
"BENARES"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.

Branch Office: 50 Connaught Rd. West. Tel: 25875, 32144, 24878	Leads	Sails
"MENTOR"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.
"BENARES"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.

Mitsui Line	Leads	Sails
"MENTOR"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.
"BENARES"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.

M.S. "HAKUBASAN MARU"	Leads	Sails
"MENTOR"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.
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"MENTOR"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.
"BENARES"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.

EASTERN LLOYD LIMITED	Leads	Sails
"MENTOR"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.
"BENARES"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.

No. 1 Duddell St., 1st Fl. Tel: 89111, 89405 & 28727	Leads	Sails
"MENTOR"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.
"BENARES"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.

Chinese Freight Agent:—	Leads	Sails
"MENTOR"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.
"BENARES"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.

Mr. Y. K. Cheung	Leads	Sails
"MENTOR"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.
"BENARES"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.

KUEN KEE CO., H.K. Hotel Bldg. Tel. 29374 & 29077	Leads	Sails
"MENTOR"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.
"BENARES"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN	Leads	Sails
"MENTOR"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.
"BENARES"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis	Leads	Sails
"MENTOR"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.
"BENARES"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.

FERD'NAND	Leads	Sails
"MENTOR"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.
"BENARES"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.

By Milk	Leads	Sails
"MENTOR"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.
"BENARES"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.

NANCY	Leads	Sails
"MENTOR"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.
"BENARES"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.

By Ernie Bushmiller	Leads	Sails
"MENTOR"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.
"BENARES"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.

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"BENARES"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.

By Frank Robbins	Leads	Sails
"MENTOR"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.
"BENARES"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.

AUSTIN	Leads	Sails
"MENTOR"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.
"BENARES"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.

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"MENTOR"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.
"BENARES"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.

METRO CARS (H.K.) LTD.	Leads	Sails
"MENTOR"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.
"BENARES"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.

THORESEN & CO., LTD.	Leads	Sails
"MENTOR"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.
"BENARES"	10th Jan.	10th Jan.

Queen's Bldg., Top Floor. Tel: 81241/2/3/4	Leads	Sails
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YESTERDAY'S SOFTBALL

One Of The Finest Ever

PORTUGAL WINS THE LADIES' INTERNATIONAL 11-7

By "TIME OUT"

High-scoring was witnessed in the two Men's International Softball matches when in the elimination rounds USA defeated Great Britain by 26 runs to 19 and China accounted for the Philippines by 22 runs to 9. In the Ladies' International, the vast crowd present was treated to a scintillating exhibition of softball. In fact this game between Portugal and China, won by Portugal 11 to 7, must, in my opinion, rank as one of the finest Ladies' Internationals it has ever been my pleasure to watch at King's Park and I am sure my view is shared by those who were present.

In the morning game, although the Philippines' outfit, China, poor fielding caused their downfall as the Chinese boys, capitalising on the many errors made by the Filipinos, had a steady procession of batters striding up to the plate in the second inning when Ray Pacheco failed to find the strike zone. China led 9-2 at the bottom of this inning and even when

Cyrra Caldas was given the chance to clean the tide of runs, replacing Pacheco on the mound, the switch failed to pay off. With a ten-run lead going into the 4th inning, "Goose" Wong was replaced on the mound by veteran Jackie Wei who held the Filipino bats to eight scattered hits which proved insufficient for the losers to catch up as China piled on the pressure in the last three frames to notch up 10 more runs to bring the final tally to 22 runs against the Philippines.

For the losers the Azevedo brothers stole all the limelight as between them they accounted for six of their side's 12 hits. Basketball Score

The other men's game also produced a basketball score as the Americans, represented by the U.S. Navy station ship, the

"Gurke", battled it out with a Great Britain side that was made up of seven Austrians of the Junior League plus the Warriors' Terry Ewins and the Comets' John Goodair, and John Bryant.

The American's catcher, Hall, drove in six runs with a tremendous batting display that included a double, triple and homer in a game that never reached the heights.

Sandwiched just in-between the two men's games, the Ladies' International, which drew only two entries, provided the biggest thrill of the day. The first game of the best-in-three series had the fans of both sides yelling themselves hoarse, right from the start and the issue was not decided until the 6th inning when the Portuguese lassies rallied magnificently in the late stages of the game to earn a well-deserved victory.

China, batting first, drew first blood when, after one away, Helen Lung singled to right-field, was advanced to second on the walk issued to the next batter and was pushed to scoring position at third on Margaret Lam's hit. A fielder's choice on Ruby Liang's roller saw Lung stepping across the plate for China's first run.

With "Peanut" Yim Lai-sheung in top-notch form on the mound, the Portuguese girls, despite the exhortations of coaches Dick Chaves and Stephen Xavier, persisted in swinging at every ball indiscriminately and made no headway, being blanked for the first two innings.

China failed to score in the top of the third and the Lusitanians then broke the ice in their turn at bat in this inning. Maureen Djeng and Ena Remedios accounted for the Portuguese girls' two runs when catcher Margaret Lam dropped a third strike and then, on picking up the ball, heaved it into right field.

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ARRIVALS	Leads	Sails
HOP SANG	Kennedy Bay & Bohayana	Neon 20th Dec.
EASTERN AROOSY	Auckland, Melbourne, Pt. Moresby, Suva, Brisbane, Cebu & Manila	19th Dec.
EASTERN MAID	Calcutta, Straits & Bangkok	1st Jan.
EASTERN BAUA	Chittagong & Penang	1st Jan.
HO SANG	Japan & Kooling	5th Jan.

SAILINGS	Leads	Sails
HANG SANG	Farakan & Durval Bay	20th Dec.
EASTERN QUEEN	Kokchaich, Nagoya, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, Melbourne, Sydney & Brisbane	30th Dec.
EASTERN AROOSY	Kokchaich, Nagoya, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, Takumar & Sandakan	31st Dec.
NEW SANG	Sandakan	1st Jan.
EASTERN MAID	Yokohama, Kobe & Osaka	3rd Jan.
HO SANG	Labuan, Jesselton, Sandakan & Tawau	7th Jan.
EASTERN AROOSY	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta	11th Jan.
	Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, Newcastle & Brisbane	21st Jan.

Accepting cargo on through bills of Lading to:	Leads	Sails
KUANG, HONGKONG, PONTIANAK, RUM, via Singapore, KUDAT, LAHAD-DATU & BEHOPINIA via Sandakan, BRUNEI, KUALA BELAIT & MIRI via Labuan		

GLEN LINE, LTD.	Leads	Sails
SAILINGS TO EUROPE		
ULLENARTNEY	Batavia, Colombo, Genoa, London, Hongkong, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, Hamburg	6th Jan.
MONMOUTHSHIRE	Straits, Casablanca, London, Rotterdam, Amsterdam & Hamburg	10th Jan.
GLENORCHY	Straits, Colombo, London, Rotterdam, Amsterdam & Hamburg	11th Jan.
GLENFRUIN	Straits, Casablanca, London, Rotterdam, Amsterdam & Hamburg	11th Jan.

FAST SAILINGS FROM EUROPE	Leads	Sails
GLENORCHY	Sailed 20th Nov.	20th Dec.
GLENFRUIN	Sailed 20th Nov.	20th Dec.
MONMOUTHSHIRE	Sailed 20th Nov.	20th Dec.
GLENORCHY	Sailed 20th Nov.	20th Dec.
GLENFRUIN	Sailed 20th Nov.	20th Dec.
MONMOUTHSHIRE	Sailed 20th Nov.	20th Dec.

Liberty is Reserved to Proceed via the Suez Canal or the Cape of Good Hope.	Leads	Sails

PRINCE LINE, LTD.	Leads	Sails
SAILINGS FROM UNITED STATES		
CINGALESE PRINCE	21st Dec.	23rd Jan.

SAILINGS TO CANADA & UNITED STATES	Leads	Sails
MALAYAN PRINCE	Cochin, Halifax, Saint John, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk, Newport News, Hampton Roads & London	20th Dec.
	Charleston via Suez Canal	20th Dec.

STATES LINE	Leads	Sails
STATES STEAMSHIP COMPANY		
PACIFIC TRANSPORT LINES, INC.		
SAILINGS TO SAN FRANCISCO & LOS ANGELES		
JAPAN TRANSPORT	11th Jan.	11th Jan.
C. F. DANT (MARINER)	11th Jan.	11th Jan.
PACIFIC TRANSPORT	11th Jan.	11th Jan.
M. H. DANT (MARINER)	11th Jan.	11th Jan.
PHILIPPINE TRANSPORT	11th Jan.	11th Jan.

Calla Honolulu.	Leads	Sails
(Accepting cargo for Kobe, Nagoya & Yokohama)		
Through bills to Island Cities, West Indies, Central & South America.		

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N.Y.K. LINE	Leads	Sails
HK/BOMBAY/KARACHI/PERSIAN GULF LINE		
S.S. "HIMEJI MARU"	28th Dec.	28th Dec.
Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi, Kuwait, Basrah and Khorramshahr		

HK/NEAR EAST LINE	Leads	Sails
S.S. "ASAMA MARU"	3rd Jan.	3rd Jan.
Singapore, Aden, Djibouti, Massawa, Port Sudan, Jeddah, Suez, Port Said, Alexandria, Beirut, Latakia, Istanbul and Piraeus.		

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Joseph's Convent, Shanghai, are
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Mass which will be held at St.
Terese's Church at 6.00 p.m.
on the 28th December in the
Thanksgiving for the Reunifica-
tion of Blessed Mary of Providence.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP,
ROTTERDAM, GENOA &
PORT SAID

Consignees per Company's Vessel
m. "OLDKERR"

are hereby notified that their cargo
will be discharged into the Hong
Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown
Co., Ltd., for consignees' account
and where it will be at consignees'
risk and expense and subject to
terms and conditions of Storage at
the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf &
Godown Co., Ltd. The cargo is
now ready for delivery from the
Godown.

All broken, chafed and damaged
goods are to be left in the Godown
where they will be examined in the
presence of consignees by Messrs.
Gould & Goodman & Co., Ltd., at
10 a.m. on the 28th December, 1957.
To comply with the General Bonded
Warehouse Regulations, consignees
must have a Revenue Officer in
attendance when dutiable goods are
examined.

No claim will be admitted after
the goods have left the steamer's
godown, and failure to attend the
joint damaged cargo survey will in-
validate claims.

All claims against the steamer
must be presented to the underwriter
on or before the 24th January, 1958,
or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.
Agents.
Hong Kong, 25th December, 1957.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Consignees per
FUJI LINE

m. "SEIYO MARU"

are hereby notified that their cargo
is being discharged into the Hong
Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown
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consignees' risk and subject to the
Company's terms and conditions of
storage, and where delivery may be
obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in
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NORDDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
Hong Kong, 25th December, 1957.

Consignees per
FUJI STRAMPE CO., LTD.

THE HK STOCK EXCHANGE—1957

THE most predominant feature to affect the Hongkong Stock Exchange this year was the raising of the Bank Rate last September, which coupled with events that happened as far back as 1955 thoroughly depressed the market, especially in the latter part of the year.

The initial cause of the market's chronic weakness was the Big Three Banks' decision in August, 1955, to impose credit restrictions in the Colony. This all but killed speculative buying on the market and the increase in interest rates this year was the crowning blow to speculators as well as investors.

This year the market became a wholly investment market with little or no speculation at all, which is quite a change from former years. Whether this is a good sign—the market has been dull throughout the whole year—remains to be seen in the future.

Very Evident

THE change in the trend of buying on the market is very evident in the total Stock Exchange business done this year. It dropped over \$50 million—from \$211 million to \$146 million. This means a turnover of a little under \$2.8 million each week. Last year there was a drop of more than \$100 million in the yearly business.

Money became so dear this year that local investors had to find something more lucrative than the Hongkong Stock Exchange to invest in. Borrowing from banks at six to eight per cent and putting it into the Stock Exchange and receiving the same yield was unprofitable. Thus money was put into the construction and real estate business with the result that this year there has been a real boom in the construction of multi-storey flats and offices. At the moment there seems to be no end to it.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., godown, where it will be at consignees' risk and subject to the Company's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the godown for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes, at 10 a.m. on the 28th December, 1957.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godown, and failure to attend the joint damaged cargo survey will in-
validate claims.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the underwriter on or before the 24th January, 1958, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.
Agents.
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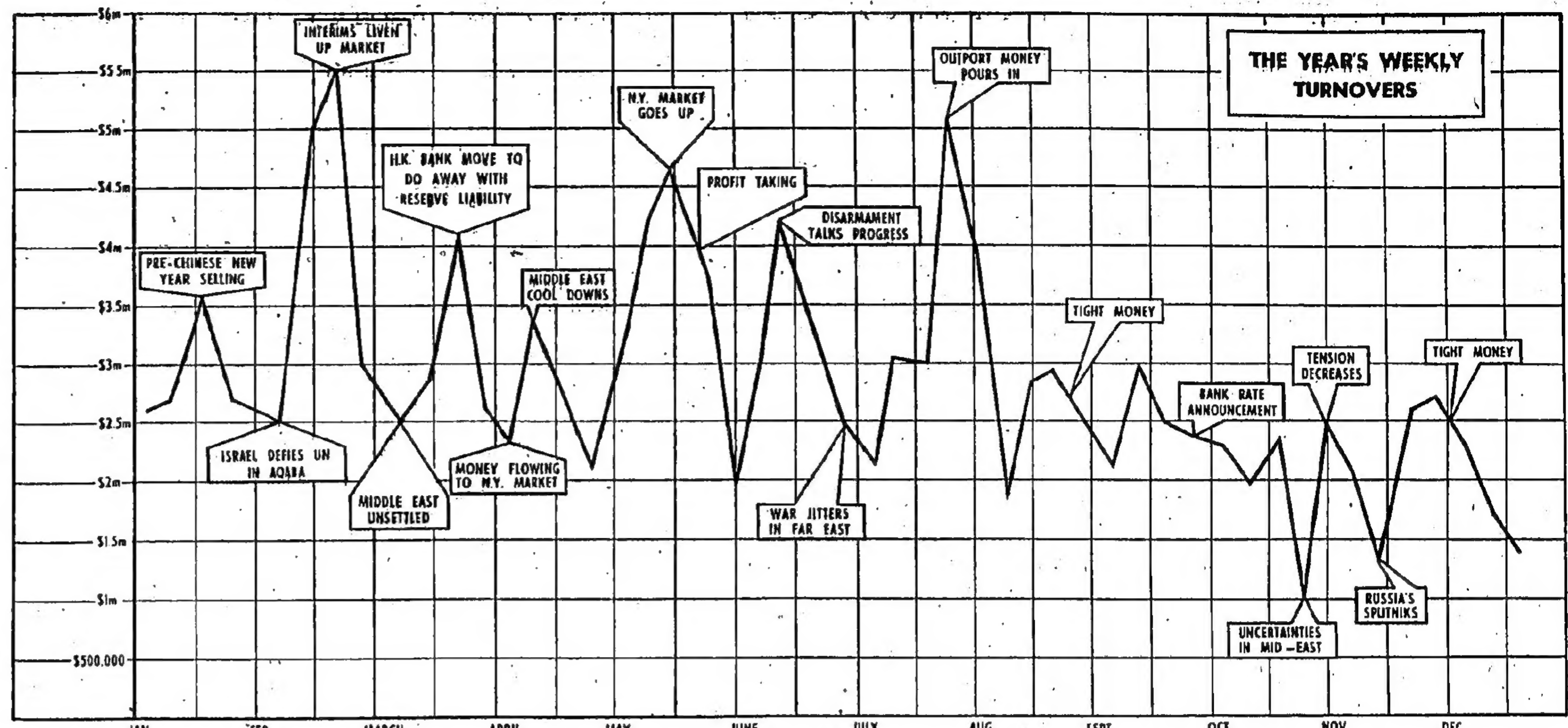
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Even the small investors on the market took out their money and bought one or two flats while investors from Southeast Asia put their money into the construction business where they could get good returns and their money back in three years.

The building business became so intense in the latter part of this year that the interest on building mortgage went up from 1.1 per cent to 1.5 per cent, and in September two leading Chinese banks stopped advancing overdrafts to their clients for construction, and went into the business themselves.

Apart from these, other influences have made themselves felt on top of the pinched financial conditions.

Local interest in the New York and Canadian markets was staggering. The weakness in sterling and the opportunity of making quick money in a Bull market were the primary reasons.

As the momentum gathered, speculators came into the pic-

ture, and on adverse domestic news and business recession together with lower prices for base metals, suffered heavily.

These losses were paid for partially by the sale of their holdings in Hongkong securities. These sales together with tight money conditions had naturally a devastating effect on the local stock market.

Improvement

BUT, since the improvement in the pound sterling and the burst of the boom market in New York, the flight of capital from Hongkong for investment and speculative purposes has slowed down considerably.

A further factor that has helped to depress the local market was the call for new capital by a number of local companies. With money so tight, these new issues were certainly not welcomed by local investors and only helped to dampen the already dull market.

Apart from the Middle East war scares, which the accompanying rough shows affected the market for some months, there have been several smaller influences at work which have stimulated or depressed trading for short periods. It is more convenient to mention these chronologically in the report of the year's trading.

The year began quietly but though the market was dull the first week showed small gains which was a continuation of the trend at the end of last year.

Anthony Eden's resignation produced hardly any selling pressure although a hesitant mood developed, but with Harold Macmillan's appointment the market's decline was checked and rose to slightly higher levels.

During this period, Banks, which made too sharp a recovery from \$1.569 in December, last year, to \$1.676 in January, dropped \$2.00 in the middle of the first month this year.

At the resumption of business after the Chinese New Year, prices showed small gains with Wharves climbing up to \$97.50 under the stimulus of new buying pressure.

Star Ferries announced an unchanged final dividend of \$5.50.

Dividends

THEN in a flurry of dividend announcements the market registered a marked improvement in the weekly turnover and an overall increase in share prices.

Phones announced a dividend of \$1.50 with 75 cents on their new shares and cash bonuses of 25 cents and 18½ cents respectively, which was the same as the previous year's declarations.

Trams gave a final dividend of \$1.10, which with the 60 cents interim made a total of \$1.70 against last year's total of \$1.60.

Lands had an unchanged dividend of \$1.75 making \$3.50 for the whole year.

Electric had a final dividend of 80 cents which with their interim of \$1.10 made a dividend of \$1.90 cents less than their previous year's dividend. But the actual distribution was up from \$1,000,000 to \$1,100,000 due to new shares.

All the dividends were well received in Ico House Street,

and in the case of the three utility companies, the dividends were even higher than the respective company's own estimates.

On the strength of the dividend announcements, the market rose to register further gains in the following week and the turnover topped \$3.5 million—the highest turnover for the whole of this year.

Watsons gave an unchanged dividend of \$1 and one for six bonus issue, while Green Island announced an unchanged dividend of \$4.

But there was no real follow-through to this improvement and the market fell down to lower levels which was accredited to general lack of interest and a wait and see attitude to Israel's holdout in Aquaba.

China Providents announced an unchanged \$1 dividend. The market had a welcomed job in the arm in the latter part of March when the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank disclosed that it was applying to amend the ordinance allowing it to do Members. Business was brisk and the majority of shares led by Banks had gains.

But the improvement was short-lived and the market closed the following week with widespread small losses.

Surcharge

CHINA Lights and Electrics were dull during this period because of the increase of the surcharge. As long as this was in force, it was not very convenient for either company to give out bonus issues which had been expected by shareholders for some time.

China Lights fell to lower levels on the announcement of a new issue. The share's fall of 50 cents was indirectly responsible for the depression of virtually the whole utility section in March.

The issue was 1,640,000 shares at \$5 par at one for five. This was a great disappointment for many as they had been expecting a bonus issue.

divided into ten \$1 shares, rose \$20 to \$970 during this period.

Wheelocks commanded a lot of attention as this stage reaching \$740 with unsatisfied buyers. Investors seemed to have over-estimated their doubts about this particular stock and decided it was a good buy.

Reports of good business in the wharf and godown section, sent Hongkong Wharves up to \$110 in one week from \$103. Both Providents and Docks profited from this report and rose to higher levels.

Fresh demands for utilities in May sent the market on an upward climb with blue chips leading the way. The buying spree, however, tapered off towards the end of the month and profit-taking checked the advance and caused a slight recession in prices.

Then at the end of May the market dropped to even lower levels led by utilities with a weekly turnover of just under \$2 million.

The Hongkong Telephone Company's expansion plans lifted Phones up \$1.20 in a week to close at \$28.30. The following week they rose to \$28.80.

Around June it was reported that Hongkong cotton mills were booked up with orders up to

October and even farther ahead. The buoyant state of the cotton industry was reflected in the Exchange with Textiles up to \$4.875—their year's high—while Nanyang went up to \$8.10.

With the approach of the half year the decline in the market was attributed to a number of reasons. First was the renewed bombardment of Quency and the news that the UN forces in South Korea would get modern arms. There was also the fall in both the London and New York markets.

Banks and Union, which had been soft for some time, seem to reach their resistance level and closed the half year with sales at \$1,630 for Banks, while Union was \$89.50 on a buyer's quote.

Union Insurance which announced a final dividend of \$1.2, 6, and a proposal that 200,000 £10 shares be sub-

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ROYAL INTEROCEAN LINES

SAILINGS TO:

INDONESIA

"TIJAWANG" Jan. 2 Djakarta, Padang, S'paya, Bali & M'ncar
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SINGAPORE/FEDERATION OF MALAYA

"TIJAWANG" Jan. 2
"TILUWANG" Jan. 14
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SHANGHAI

"STRAAT MALAKKA" Dec. 27 Shanghai

JAPAN

"TJIMENTENG" Dec. 21 Kobe, Osaka, Nagoya & Yokohama
"STRAAT MALAKKA" Dec. 21 Kobe, Osaka, Nagoya & Yokohama
"TJIMENTENG" Dec. 21 Kobe, Osaka, Nagoya & Yokohama

MAURITIUS, S. AFRICA, S. AMERICA

"STRAAT MALAKKA" Jan. 1 Singapore, Mauritius, L. Marques, Durban, E. London, Port Elizabeth, Capetown, Rio, de Janeiro, Santos, Montevideo & Buenos Aires
"STRAAT MALAKKA" Feb. 9
"BOISSEVAIN" Feb. 24

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BRITISH EAST AFRICA & BEIRA

"AALSUM" Jan. 1 Nombasa, Tanga, Zanzibar, Dar-Es-Salaam & Beira
"TJIMENTENG" Feb. 10 Nombasa, Tanga, Zanzibar, Dar-Es-Salaam & Beira

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S. America, S. Africa In Port 1000 A-3 "STRAAT MALAKKA"
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*Pioneer Ming Feb. 4 Feb. 5 Mar. 7
*Pioneer Moor Feb. 14 Feb. 15 Mar. 17

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Sails	Sails	Sails	Sails	Sails	HONGKONG	Arrives	Arrives	Arrives	Arrives
Seattle	Vancouver	River	L. A.	S. F.	Arr.	Sail	S'pore	Penang	Fremantle
"KRISTIN BAKKE"	Sailed	Sailed	Sailed	Sailed	Sailed 13 Jan.	14 Jan.	15 Jan.	21 Jan.	22 Jan.
"ANNA BAKKE"	Sailed	Sailed	30 Dec.	8 Jan.	8 Jan.	8 Feb.	8 Feb.	7 Feb.	10 Feb.

EAST BOUND SCHEDULE TO JAPAN, CANADA AND U.S.A.

Sails	Sails	Sails	HONGKONG	JAPAN	Arrives	Arrives	Arrives	Arrives
Fremantle	S'pore	Manila	Arr.	Sail	Arr.	Arr.	Columbia	Arr.
"JHENTRUD BAKKE"	Sailed 20 Dec.	—	3 Jan.	3 Jan.	10 Jan.	20 Jan.	31 Jan.	3 Feb.
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BAGGAGE: Passengers are required to send all baggage to the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf Co.'s Godown at No. 2 Gate, CANTON ROAD ENTRANCE where the baggage will be accepted up to 5 p.m. on 28th December, 1957, 27th December, 1957 and 28th December, 1957. All baggage must be delivered to the godown by 5 p.m. on 28th December, 1957.

SPECIAL NOTE: With the exception of hand packages carried by passengers themselves, ALL BAGGAGE must pass through the Wharf Co.'s Godown for loading on board by ship's slings only. BAGGAGE COOLIES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE WHARF.

EMBARKATION: Passengers should embark between 4 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. on Sunday the 29th December, 1957.

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BEN LINE

SAILINGS TO UK/CONTINENT

FOR LONDON, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG.

	Loading	Sails
"BENDORAN"	15/16 Jan.	17 Jan.
"BENDORAN"	15/16 Feb.	18 Feb.
"BENDORAN"	15/16 Mar.	17 Mar.
"BENDORAN"	15/16 Apr.	16 Apr.

***FOR LIVERPOOL, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG**

	Loading	Sails
"BENVENUE"	20/21 Jan.	22 Jan.
"BENVENUE"	20/21 Feb.	22 Feb.
"BENVENUE"	24/25 Mar.	26 Mar.

***FOR HAMBURG, LONDON, ROTTERDAM**

	Loading	Sails
"BENVENUE"	21 Dec. 1 Jan.	3 Jan. (Calls HULL)
"BENVENUE"	10/11 Mar.	12 Mar. (Calls HULL)

* OMITTING HAMBURG AND ROTTERDAM.

FOR ADEN, JEDDAH & PORT SUDAN

	Loading	Sails
"BENVENUE"	2/4 Feb.	5 Feb. (Calls HULL)

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"SUDAN"	10th January	10th February

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